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AC/SB/CA
MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT:

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3B2B
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2007

[] of CI/Liaison said he talked with a Mr. Fleishman of Customs, who personally was in touch with the New York office, with no reference made to CIA. He (Fleishman) was able to verify that PETRUSZO did arrive on the flight he said he did but for some reason Customs could not locate PETRUSZO's Customs declaration, which everyone is required to execute. Customs located a letter PETRUSZO wrote requesting return of the document, in which letter he states that the document was taken from him by a non-uniformed man. According to Fleishman, all Customs agents are uniformed. The fact the man was not in uniform would indicate that he could have been a Customs inspector, which would mean PETRUSZO was on a watch list, suspected of smuggling or of interest to the police for some reason. (The uniform could also mean an enemy is involved.)

CUSTOMARILY only material which is sadistic, pornographic or treasonable would be confiscated by Customs, and even in such cases, the individual from whom it is taken is given a receipt.

Customs is now going to search their archives to see if they can locate any record of PETRUSZO's declaration. [] will keep us informed. Customs will not be able to go much further on the strength of Fleishman's request. So far, CIA is not involved.

Unfortunately Uncle knows almost nothing about PETRUSZO. Either DZYUBA or a colleague of his for some reason decided he could be trusted to bring out the document. I'll keep you posted.

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